

Applicants: ARIDOR, Yariv *et al.*
Serial Number: 10/620,631

REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Office Action, and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 25-27 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-19, 24, and 28-29 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 25 has been amended.

No new matter has been added.

Voluntary Amendment of Claims

Applicants have amended claim 25 to more clearly define what the Applicants regard as some embodiments of the invention. No new matter has been added.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-19, 24, and 28-29 from further consideration in this application, without prejudice or disclaimer, and to facilitate expeditious prosecution of the pending claims. Applicants do not concede that the subject matter encompassed by previous claims 1-19, 24, 25, and 28-29 is not novel or not patentable over any of the references cited, alone or in combination.

Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue claims reciting the subject matter encompassed by previous claims 1-19, 24, 25, and 28-29, in one or more continuing applications.

Remarks to the Specification

Applicants have amended the Title, such that the amended Title corresponds to the pending claims. No new matter has been added.

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Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Office Action rejected claims 1–19 and 24–29 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Carlson (U.S. Patent 6,697 849) in view of Choquier et al. (U.S. Patent 5,951,694) and in view of Watt (U.S. Publication 2003/0126202).

Claims 1-19, 24, and 28-29 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Independent claim 25 has been amended.

Applicants respectfully assert that independent claim 25, as amended, includes features that are not taught or suggested by Carlson, Choquier, and/or Watt, taken individually or in any combination.

For example, none of the cited references, taken individually or in combination, teaches at least the claimed feature “detecting by the framework an event at a level of an application complex to which the framework is to respond in conjunction with the plugin”.

In addition, none of the cited references, taken individually or in combination, teaches at least the claimed feature “in response to the event, applying by the framework, in cooperation with said plugin, configuration operations on application complexes of the respective application-complex type, using a plugin interface that defines a software protocol indicating to the framework how to exchange information with the plugin for configuring an instance of an application complex”.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 25, as amended, is patentable over the cited references. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 26-27 are likewise patentable at least by virtue of their dependency on amended independent claim 25.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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